

IN THE SPECIFICATION

On Page 1, amend the paragraph beginning at line 4 as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/685,244, filed October 10, 2000, now abandoned, which is a continuation-in-part of PCT Application No. US99/07811, filed April 9, 1999, based on U.S. Application No. 09/090,622, filed June 4, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,432,970, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Application Nos. 60/081,186 and 60/081,263, filed April 9, 1998, the specifications of all of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 35, line 11 as follows:

wherein R_2 , R_3 , R_4 , R_5 , R_6 , R_7 , and R'_7 are as defined above, and X represents O or S, though preferably O, and R_5 may also be absent.